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To: State Directors and National Center Managers
ATTN: State and National Fire GIS Leads

From: Director, Office of Fire and Aviation

Subject: Fire GIS Meeting

The committee for the Fire Track of the Resource Management Tools Conference has organized a meeting for Bureau of Land Management (BLM) State and National Fire Geographic Information Systems (GIS) staff to be held in conjunction with the conference. The meeting will be held Monday, April 21, 2003 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the National Training Center. Shuttle transportation will be available between the conference location (Sheraton Crescent Hotel) and the Training Center.

The committee invites all state and national fire GIS lead staff to attend this meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to provide an opportunity for networking, information sharing, and planning among the State Fire GIS leads and National staff. Expected outcomes of the meeting include: establish a formal framework for communication between the staff, clarify staff roles and responsibilities, and initiate discussions on a strategy for fire GIS in the BLM.

In addition to this meeting, there will be three facilitated discussion forums as part of the Conference. The purpose of the discussion forums is to gain input from fire GIS staff throughout the Bureau on a variety of issues. On Tuesday afternoon, April 22, there will be a facilitated discussion aimed at the GIS technical specialist, soliciting input regarding their concerns, needs and issues. On Wednesday morning, April 23, there will be a facilitated discussion regarding data standards, and on Thursday morning, April 24, there will be a panel discussion of national and state leads on the overall status of Fire GIS in the BLM. The organizing committee is also seeking individuals to serve on this panel. If interested, please contact one of the committee members.

Please confirm your attendance at this meeting with Janis Reimers, Office of Fire and Aviation at (208) 387-5862. Questions regarding the meeting, discussion forums, or other aspects of the Fire Track at the conference should be directed to the organizing committee: Janis Reimers, Tim Hammond (907) 474-2210, or Victoria Smith (916) 978-4571.

Attendees at the conference are required to pre-register at www.blm.gov/conf2003. Additional information on the conference is also available at this website.

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